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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON

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July 9, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Status of National Security Programs and Fiscal and Budgetary Outlook Through Fiscal Year 1959

REFERENCES: A. Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 13, 1956
B. NSC Action No. 1574
C. NSC 5602/1
D. NSC 5606

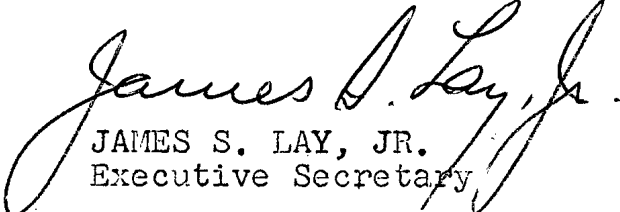
The National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Special Assistant to the President for Disarmament, the Director, Bureau of the Budget, the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, and Mr. Ralph E. Spear for the Federal Civil Defense Administrator, at the 238th Council meeting on June 15, 1956, considered NSC 5606, on "Continental Defense", and (NSC Action No. 1574-b and -c):

- b. Deferred action on NSC 5606 pending earliest practicable Council consideration of the estimated three-year projection of all national security programs and the fiscal and budgetary outlook thereon being prepared pursuant to the President's directive circulated by the reference memorandum on "Status of National Security Programs and Fiscal and Budgetary Outlook Through Fiscal Year 1959", dated June 13.
- c. Agreed that each department or agency responsible for preparing an annual status report should be requested to submit, not later than July 15, 1956, the estimated projection of its program for the next three years, being prepared pursuant to the President's directive; without awaiting the completion of the regular annual report on the status of its program as of June 30, 1956. The object of this action is to facilitate the early action contemplated in b above. Each estimated three-year projection should clearly identify and project the status of the principal elements of each program in achieving the objectives in applicable national security policies, particularly NSC 5602/1; together with expenditure estimates related to each of these elements.

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The President has this date approved the above action. This action in draft form has previously been transmitted by memoranda dated June 19, 1956, to all agencies responsible for preparing annual status reports. The only subsequent change in the form of the action was the addition of the last sentence of sub-paragraph c, which reflects the substance of the request transmitted by the above-mentioned memoranda of June 19.


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Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Attorney General
The Special Assistant to the
President for Disarmament
The Director, Bureau of the Budget
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
The Federal Civil Defense Administrator
The Director, U. S. Information Agency
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman, Interdepartmental
Intelligence Conference
The Chairman, Interdepartmental
Committee on Internal Security

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